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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

B1 Page 1, after the Title, "This is a Continuation of Application Number 08/789,116 filed 27 January 1997, now U.S. Patent Number 5,896,387."

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

B2 A multiplex conversion unit is configured with those functions required for a specific network to which it is more economically applicable. Each OC-12IF circuit pack includes a switch for performing time slot assignment (TSA) between a plurality of high-speed